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"AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PERSONNEL."

1 In line 5, after the first "medical technician", strike "or" and insert ",
2 emergency medical responder," and after the second "medical
3 technician" insert "or emergency medical services instructor"

4 In line 10, after "technician" insert ", emergency medical responder,
5 advanced emergency medical technician or emergency medical
6 services instructor" and after "paramedicine" strike "or" and insert ","

7 In line 11, after "services" insert "or the provision of emergency
8 medical services education"

9 In line 15, before "(8)", insert "or"

10 Strike line 16 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

11 "record. [; or (9)] The commissioner may take any such disciplinary
12 action against a paramedic for violation of any provision of section 20-
13 206jj or any"

14 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
15 internal references accordingly:

16 "Sec. 501. Section 19a-195a of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

18 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations in
19 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to provide that
20 emergency medical technicians shall be recertified every three years.
21 For the purpose of maintaining an acceptable level of proficiency, each
22 emergency medical technician who is recertified for a three-year
23 period shall complete thirty hours of refresher training approved by
24 the commissioner, or meet such other requirements as may be
25 prescribed by the commissioner.

26 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
27 the provisions of chapter 54, to (1) provide for state-wide
28 standardization of certification for each class of (A) emergency medical
29 technicians, including, but not limited to, paramedics, (B) emergency
30 medical services instructors, and (C) [medical response technicians]
31 emergency medical responders, (2) allow course work for such
32 certification to be taken state-wide, and (3) allow persons so certified to
33 perform within their scope of certification state-wide.

34 Sec. 502. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established, within the
35 Department of Public Health and within available appropriations, the
36 Connecticut emergency medical services primary service area task
37 force. The task force shall review topics, including, but not limited to,
38 the following: (1) The current process for designating and changing
39 primary service areas; (2) local primary service area contract and
40 applicable subcontract language and emergency medical services plans
41 as such language and plans vary among municipalities and as such
42 contracts and plans pertain to performance and oversight measures; (3)

43 methods to designate emergency medical service providers that are
44 used by other states that have populations, geography and emergency
45 medical services systems that are similar to those of this state; and (4)
46 the process by which municipalities may petition for a change or
47 removal of a primary service area responder.

48 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

49 (1) Five members appointed by the Commissioner of Public Health,
50 one each of whom shall be: (A) A representative of a municipal
51 emergency medical services provider; (B) a representative of a for-
52 profit ambulance service; (C) a representative of the Connecticut
53 Hospital Association; (D) a representative of a nonprofit emergency
54 medical services provider; and (E) a representative of the emergency
55 medical services advisory board, established pursuant to section 19a-
56 178a of the general statutes;

57 (2) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
58 one each of whom shall be the chief elected official or an administrator
59 of a municipality, and a representative of a municipal public safety
60 board, public safety agency, or municipal legislative body;

61 (3) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
62 each of whom shall be the chief elected official or an administrator of a
63 municipality, and a representative of an emergency medical services
64 provider that primarily provides fire services;

65 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
66 Representatives, who shall be a fire chief or representative of a fire
67 department that provides emergency medical services;

68 (5) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
69 a fire chief or representative of a fire department that provides
70 emergency medical services;

71 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
72 Representatives, who shall be a representative of a not-for-profit

73 emergency medical services provider;

74 (7) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be
75 a chief elected official or an administrator of a municipality;

76 (8) One appointed, jointly by the minority leader of the House of
77 Representatives and the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a
78 representative of the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers;
79 and

80 (9) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
81 designee.

82 (c) Each person making an appointment pursuant to subsection (b)
83 of this section shall ensure that each member who is associated with a
84 municipality or municipal entity represents a different municipality.

85 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
86 designee, shall serve as a co-chairperson of the task force. The
87 members shall elect another person to serve as a co-chairperson from
88 among the members of the task force.

89 (e) Members shall receive no compensation except for
90 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in performing their
91 duties.

92 (f) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
93 thirty days after the effective date of this section. The Commissioner of
94 Public Health or the commissioner's designee shall schedule the first
95 meeting of the task force. A majority of the task force members shall
96 constitute a quorum. A majority vote of a quorum shall be required for
97 any official action of the task force.

98 (g) The administrative staff of the Department of Public Health shall
99 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

100 (h) Not later than February 15, 2014, the task force shall report, in
101 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,

102 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 103 cognizance of matters relating to public health concerning its activities,
 104 as described in subsection (a) of this section. Such report shall include,
 105 but need not be limited to, recommendations concerning: (1) The
 106 process for designating and changing a primary service area; (2)
 107 improvements to local primary service area contract and applicable
 108 subcontract language and emergency medical services plans, including
 109 provisions of such contracts and plans relating to performance
 110 measures and oversight by municipalities of primary service area
 111 responders; (3) a process for expanding or enhancing emergency
 112 medical services offered in local primary service areas; (4) a
 113 mechanism for reporting adverse events to the Department of Public
 114 Health and for said department to issue a response; and (5) an
 115 outreach plan to educate municipalities on their rights and duties as
 116 holders of contracts and subcontracts for primary service area
 117 responders.

118 (i) The task force shall submit its report on February 15, 2014. The
 119 task force shall terminate on the date it submits its report."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	19a-195a
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	New section